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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification at paragraph [0005] as follows:

[0005] A variety of subcutaneously implantable access ports have been utilized by physicians to deliver fluids to, or to withdraw fluids from, the blood stream or other subcutaneous cavities inside a patient. One example of such an access port includes a needle-impenetrable housing, which encloses one or more fluid cavities and defines for each ~~of such~~ fluid cavity an access aperture communicating through the housing on the side thereof, which is adjacent to the skin of the patient when the access port is implanted in the body of a patient. A needle-penetrable septum is received in and seals the access aperture. An exit ~~passageways~~ passageway located in a port stem communicates~~[[,]]~~ with the fluid cavities for dispensing medication therefrom to a predetermined location in the body of the patient through an implanted catheter attached to the access port. Typically, the catheter is connected to the access port by placement of the proximal end of the catheter over the port stem. A locking sleeve or ring may be placed over the catheter at the proximal region of the catheter to secure the catheter on the port stem.

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